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Installation of 75 m long geobag core added to existing cobble embankment and tied with geotextile

Please consider these additional comments (supporting my objection submitted on 3 January 2024). I have read the latest responses from consultees, and the applicant, and believe these demonstrate the significant risks and uncertainties associated with this proposal. For example:

(1) There is clearly uncertainty about the sources and pathways of flood waters, the extent of flooding in 2014, and the benefits provided by the additional drainage constructed after the 2014 storms. I was staying on Bryher in February 2014 and I do not remember significant flooding in the boatyard. There was certainly short-term flooding nearby but my understanding is that no property or critical infrastructure were impacted. The main impact was on the west of the island. There is frequent freshwater pooling in the lower fields of Hillside Farm – this is from land infiltration and runoff during heavy rainfall – and it can remain for long periods. Possibly this contributes to the flood risk at the boatyard, and this should be investigated.

(2) It seems illogical to construct defences with a possible life of 20 years to defend against a scale of event which last happened in 2014 and is predicted to occur only once every 200 years on average (although I clearly recognise that this could occur at any time) – particularly when the impact on the environment, archaeology, and tourism is likely to be so great.

(3) The risks associated with the material delivery and transportation do not appear to have been fully assessed, e.g., the potential damage to the beach, wildlife, archaeology, access to the boatyard, and the boat moorings in the bay; the likelihood of delays due to bad weather; and the overall negative impact on tourism.

(4) There is no cost-benefit assessment provided for this proposal and, as stated in my earlier email, it seems that the risks/costs far outweigh the benefits.

(5) It is important to remember that the site was classified as 'No Active Intervention' in the Shoreline Management Plan, and I see no justification to override this classification at this stage.

The sensible approach would be to wait for the latest predictions for coastal erosion and flooding, investigate flood water sources and pathways, and engage the community in developing a practical and robust climate change adaptation plan for the whole of Bryher.

Best regards,

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